

## RICHMOND POLITICS ACTIVE THIS WEEK

### State Debt Matter to Come Up Before Special Master.

### PRIMARY ELECTION THURSDAY

Candidates for Municipal Offices  
End Speaking Campaign, and Now  
Turn Attention to Political Side in  
Effort to Get Voters Out-Candi-  
dates for Governor Active.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., June 20.—Strenuous indeed will be the labor of politicians and public officials during the coming week. A number of important events are scheduled to take place, in which many prominent men will take part.

The Virginia-West Virginia debt matter will come up Tuesday morning before former Representative Charles E. Littlefield, of New York. However, it is not expected that the special master will hear the arguments at this sitting. It is more probable that additional evidence will be put in on both sides, after which there will probably be a further adjournment. Littlefield and the out-of-town lawyers who will be engaged on the case will arrive in Richmond to-morrow. The session probably will last at least two days.

### Primary on Thursday.

The event of the greatest local interest will be the municipal primary election, which is scheduled to take place at all the precincts of the city on Thursday. Meanwhile all the candidates will make the most of the brief time still at their disposal. A number of meetings are scheduled for to-morrow night. The speaking stage of the campaign is practically over, however, the candidates having turned their attention to the practical side in an effort to arrange for workers at the polls on the day of the election.

The week will find the gubernatorial candidates also busy. Judge William Hodges Mann is scheduled to speak at Tappahannock to-morrow. For the balance of the week he will be in the lower end of the Fifth District. Harry Tucker will invade the southwest, spending the entire week in the Ninth district.

### OVERCOME MANY OBSTACLES.

Judge Williams Entered Confederate Army When a Boy.

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Richmond, Va., June 20.—Judge Samuel W. Williams, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for attorney general, is a self-made man.

When seventeen years old he joined Company G, Fifth Virginia Cavalry, Confederate army, and served in the ranks until the close of the war. Returning to his home in July, 1865, because of the death of his father, he was compelled to assume the head of the large family of brothers and sisters. He worked on the farm, and at the district school picked up such education as was offered by schools in those days.

By the closest economy he saved sufficient money to take one course in law at the University of Virginia. Then he went to Eland County, Va., after his arrival, a vacancy occurring in the office of commonwealth attorney, he was appointed to the office, and held it continuously, by election, three terms, when he declined re-election.

In 1885 he was elected to the State senate of Virginia, later declining re-election. In 1890 he moved to Wythe, where he has since resided. That year he was elected judge of the Circuit Court of Wythe County, and served until 1895, when he was nominated for Congress, and although defeated by Gen. James A. Walker, he received more votes than any other Democrat had ever received in the district.

He has been an active Democrat since 1871. He has always responded to the call of his party whenever and wherever it was necessary. He served as chairman of the Congressional committee of his district, was one of the close friends and advisers of John S. Barbour, was elected on the Cleveland ticket for the Ninth district, and was elected at large in 1908.

As a business man Judge Williams has been a success, and as a lawyer no man in Southwest Virginia stands higher at the bar than does he, his practice extending over a large territory in Virginia and West Virginia.

### Police Raid Drinking Place.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Winchester, Va., June 20.—Policemen in automobiles swooped down upon a large julep festival which was being held in a secluded grove on the Roush spring grounds, near the city pumping station, late this afternoon and succeeded in arresting several of the leaders and confiscating some of the liquor. The men were taken to headquarters and held for court, and warrants for other members of the party have been sworn out.

### Fairmont Girl Weds.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Fairmont, W. Va., June 20.—Mr. Earl B. Smith, of the purchasing department of the Fairmont Coal Company, and Miss Blanche Crowe, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Swearingen, were married at the home of the bride, in Fairmont, Rev. H. G. Stotter, of the Presbyterian church, officiating. The bride was graduated from the Fairmont State Normal School last week.

### Left Estate of \$100,000.

Cumberland, Md., June 20.—A Harry Fritz, aged seventy-five years, philanthropist and lawyer, who died a week ago at Somerset, left an estate of \$100,000, his will having just been probated. It practically all goes to the Lutheran Church and its institutions, after providing for his burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

## MAY DECLARE DIVIDEND.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company Shows Earnings for Year.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., June 20.—While it is practically certain that the directors of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company will place at their next meeting, which will be held early in June, the next date has not yet been determined upon. It is roughly estimated that the earnings for the fiscal year will be something over 5 per cent, but until the returns, which are now being audited, show whether this estimate is correct or not, the directors do not care to commit themselves.

## BIG HOTEL IS MOVED.

A Building Containing 51 Rooms Reaches Its Destination.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Laurel, Md., June 20.—The hotel which was bought by the Laurel Sanatorium several months ago, formerly the Brewster Park Hotel, located in the western part of the town, and which was moved a distance of a mile to the Laurel Sanatorium, has reached its destination in the best of shape.

## CHARLEROI DROPS OUT.

Cumberland Anxious to Get Pennsy and West Virginia Franchise.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., June 20.—The CharleROI team, of the Pennsylvania and West Virginia League, has thrown up the sponge because of lack of support, the attendance having been very poor. The backers were liberal in their support, but the poor showing of the team disheartened them. The players were paid off last night.

## RECALLS KIDNAPPING OF GIRL.

Case of Assault by Detective May Go Over to September Term.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., June 20.—The case of L. T. Branch, of the Richmond Detective Agency, and Dennis Ross, colored, an assistant, who were tried on April 13 before Justice Watkins, in Dinwiddie County, warrants charging them with assault on E. B. Sheffield, and who were fined and sentenced to imprisonment in jail, will be called in the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie County to-morrow, but it is understood that the cases will be continued until the September term.

## Wheat Harvest Is Begun.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Boys, Md., June 20.—Some of the farmers at Dawsonville yesterday morning began to harvest their wheat, and so far reports show that wheat was badly scabbed and rust shows, from which the crop will show a 30 per cent decrease at least. Prior to June 1 this section did fair to good, but the heavy rains for the past fifteen days had given it a great set-back, though aided some little by cool weather the past few days. Most of the farmers in this section will begin their harvest Monday morning.

## Strike Ledge of Quartz.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., June 20.—Edward Clifford, sr., formerly a coal miner of Charleston, near Lonaconing, this county, who left Lonaconing for the West about thirty years ago, so poor that he was compelled to walk part of the way to the gold fields of Nevada, leaving his wife and two children behind in Lonaconing with relatives, has just struck it rich in the West by his daughter Ellen, now Mrs. Joseph Nay, finding a ledge of gold-bearing quartz estimated to be worth \$100,000 a ton.

## Rural Carriers Drop Out.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., June 20.—At a meeting held in this city to-day the Washington County Rural Free Delivery Carriers' Association decided to withdraw from the State and national organizations, claiming they paid dues but received no apparent benefits, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Samuel Welby, Smithsburg; vice president, Louis E. Francis, Hagerstown; secretary, John B. Newcomer, Williamsport; and treasurer, Edward L. Burger, Hagerstown.

## Want Sewer Rebuilt.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Laurel, Md., June 20.—A petition signed by a large number of the property owners and voters of Laurel has been sent to the county board of health for the extension of a sewerage system and the extension of water mains.

## Justice Clark Is Dead.

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Hagerstown, Md., June 20.—Justice Clark, who had been magistrate at Beaver Creek, this county, for almost forty years, died this evening from complications and stomach trouble, aged seventy-three years. Until his retirement from active business Mr. Clark was manager of the Beaver Creek mills, having followed the milling business all his life. Three children survive.

## Shot by a Companion.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., June 20.—Louis H. Lehman, son of Herman G. Lehman, steward of the Arlon Club, was shot in the eye by John M. Deter, a companion, this morning while hunting frogs about six miles east of Cumberland, where the boys have been in camp several days.

## Confederate Veteran Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rippon, Va., June 20.—James M. Allen is dead at his home near Rippon, Va., aged seventy years. He served in the Confederate army as a member of Company B, Second Virginia regiment, Stonewall Jackson's brigade.

## DOWN SITS AS HE SITS IN JAIL

### Baltimore ex-City Clerk Losing Hope of Freedom.

### THE SCAPEGOAT FOR OTHERS

Declares He Did Not Know of Short-  
age at City Hall Until He Was  
Arrested for Theft—Desertion of  
His Chief Attorney Tells on Him.  
Speaks Bitterly of Prosecution.

Baltimore, June 20.—Realizing to-day for the first time since he has been in jail the seriousness of the charges which have piled up against him, and the relentless determination of the city and State authorities to send him to the penitentiary, if possible, William F. Downs, ex-city stock clerk, charged with the larceny of the city's money, broke down this morning and cried.

It was the first exhibition of real feeling he has given since he was arrested, more than two months ago, and to his credit it must be said that the tears were as he began to talk of his wife and his mother, of what they had done for him, and of what his acquittal or conviction means to them. They were good, honest tears he shed, and he seemed to feel better after the exhibition of real feeling.

Downs was almost on the verge of a breakdown this morning when he confessed to the buying of his house, upon which he says he was still making payments of \$7 a week to a building association which arrested the furnishing of his house with handsome, but second-hand furniture; of the silver plated ware he bought to make a show; of the shore on Rock Creek which he held in partnership with five other men; of his part in the wild frolics at the shore. He paid a tribute to the heads of the departments at the city hall, contending that Mayor Mahool, in addition to inquiring into the habits of the subordinates, should make a strict investigation of the personal habits of the heads of his departments.

## VIRGINIA CAMPAIGN GOSSIP

The "Organization" Slate—Tucker Criticized for  
Not Attacking the "Machine."

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Richmond, Va., June 20.—The gubernatorial campaign is getting a little livelier. There is more talk to-day about the race than there has been since Stuart withdrew. Judge Mann and Harry Tucker continue to toss charges back and forth at each other, and now the people are beginning to look up. But that is about all.

## Here's the "Democratic organization"

slate for the three principal offices: Judge Mann, for governor; J. Taylor Elyson, for lieutenant governor, and Judge Sam Williams, for attorney general. This is the ticket the "organization" leaders are talking, and if Mann is nominated, it is safe to say Elyson and Williams will be ahead also.

## Mr. Tucker's style of campaign is

not pleasing all the "anti-machine" men in the State. A county leader, who has

always fought "machine" politics and who has recently made a trip over certain sections of the State, said a few days ago: "I believe that Mr. Tucker is making a great mistake in not attacking himself in a more positive manner with the fight against the 'machine,' which is now dominating State politics. Evidence is everywhere received that some of the 'machine' men are going to support Tucker, and it is probable that this is the reason he does not go on record as opposed to the 'machine,' but it is incredible that Mr. Tucker can believe that these men are going to do any great amount of work for him. They will content themselves with casting their vote for him. If they did otherwise, they would be relieved of their leadership in their district, and the man next in line would bring out the 'machine' vote for Judge Mann."

## "I have heard that Judge Mann states

that he is not aligned with the 'machine,' that he has made no promises, and that he has not sought to compromise his conscience with the liquor dealers of the State. This may be entirely true, but whether or not Judge Mann has made any 'dicker' with the liquor dealers, it nevertheless remains true that he is the choice of the 'machine,' with whom are aligned many of the liquor dealers in the State, and if they are brought into line for him

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## That is probably the reason Tucker is

not going after the "organization" as hard as many wish him to do. Tucker is an "anti-machine" Democrat, however. He lined up with the Montague faction against Mann, while Mann was with the "machine." His record is pretty clear as an "anti-machine" man.

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sented to see a reporter at his cell. It was easy to see that the desertion of his friends and the withdrawal from the case at this late day of his chief attorney, Harry B. Wolf, has told on him. He was pale, serious-faced, and solemn as he told of his multiplying troubles, and spoke bitterly of the relentless prosecution of the State. Some of his old-time vigor came when he demanded vehemently his guilt, but at a moment, as the tale switched to his wife and mother, he burst into tears.

There was at no time any apparent intention on his part to confess guilt; he talked rather like a man desperately fighting against what he considers to be nearly overwhelming odds. He spoke bitterly, vindictively.

## Victim of Plot, He Says.

He declared that he was the victim of a plot, that he was to be made to suffer for the sins of others, that he was not receiving a fair show, that the witnesses against him had perjured themselves, and that owing to the haste with which his case is being railroaded through the courts he is unable to make any defense, as he has no money and it will take time to raise the funds necessary to employ a lawyer. In his talk he did not spare the city authorities and the financial methods at the city hall.

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## NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

### Knights of Columbus Attend Mass at St. Mary's Church.

### TRIBUTE TO FATHER DELANEY

Mrs. Fannie Bendheim Dies at the  
Home of Her Daughter, in Wash-  
ington—Funeral of B. F. Bruner  
Will Be Held This Morning—Chil-  
dren Warned to Get Dog Licenses.

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WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU,  
125 South Royal Street,  
Alexandria, Va., June 20.—In the presence of a congregation that filled St. Mary's Catholic Church to its capacity, solemn vespers were sung at 8 o'clock to-night by Rev. William D. Delaney, of this city, who was recently ordained to the priesthood.

The affair was under the auspices of Fitzgerald Council, No. 453, Knights of Columbus, of which Rev. Father Delaney is a member, and was held in his honor.

A choir of sixty voices, from St. Paul's Church, Washington, chanted the service under the leadership of Prof. Winchester. Members of the order occupied the front pews of the church, while members of the fourth degree of the order served as guard of honor for the occasion. Following the services the members of the choir was tendered a luncheon by local knights at the Lyceum Hall.

Rev. Father Delaney, who is a resident of this city, celebrated the anniversary of this morning at 10:30 o'clock before a large congregation. An able sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Martin W. McDonough, of Washington, who succinctly outlined the duties of priesthood in its various forms. Rev. Father H. J. Cutler, pastor of the church, acted as master of ceremonies.

## Mrs. Fannie Bendheim, widow of

David Bendheim, a former resident of this city, died shortly after 9 o'clock this afternoon, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Max Pretzel, 127 U street northwest, Washington. Mrs. Bendheim was well known in this city, where she spent the greater part of her life.

## She is survived by the following chil-

dren: Samuel and Louis Bendheim, of Alexandria; Ferdinand Bendheim, of Washington; Mrs. Sidney Kaufman, Greensboro, N. C., and Mrs. Shriver, of Cleveland, Ohio.

## The body will be brought here to-morrow

to the home of her sons, Messrs. Louis and Samuel Bendheim, 107 Fifth street. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## The funeral of B. F. Bruner, who died

in Washington Friday night, will take place at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning from Wheatley's undertaking establishment. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. J. Morton, rector of Christ Episcopal Church. The burial will be in the Presbyterian Cemetery. The pallbearers will be K